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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: AERITALIA HAS DECIDED TO SIGN G-222 SALES AGREEMENT WITH LIBYA

REF: STATE 219083

1. AERITALIA PRESIDENT ORTONA TOLD AMBASSADOR SEPTEMBER 14 THAT AERITALIA HAS DECIDED TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH LIBYA FOR SALE OF 22 G-222 TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT--AND WILL DO SO SHORTLY.

2. ORTONA REPEATED ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF SALE WHICH HE MADE TO AMBASSADOR ON SEPT. 4 (SEE ROME 14442) AND DEPARTMENT ON SEPT. 9 (SEE REFTEL). AMBASSADOR RESTATED USG OBJECTIONS.

3. COMMENT. DESPITE FIRM USG "NO" TO THE SALE, AERITALIA SEEMS DETERMINED TO GO AHEAD WITH IT. THE ITALIANS CONTINUE TO HYPOTHESIZE THAT A "PROSPECTIVE IMPROVEMENT" IN US-LIBYAN RELATIONS OVER THE NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS WILL LESSEN OUR OBJECTIONSM MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT ORTONA AND THE GOI HAVE DECIDED TO PUT PUBLIC PRESSURE ON US TO ACCEDE
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TO THIS SALE. WE SHOULD HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THIS TACTIC WILL MEET WITH SOME SUCCESS IN ITALY, AND THAT THERE WILL BE AN ADVERSE PUBLIC AND PRESS REACTION TO OUR REFUSAL TO PERMIT THE SALE. SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT, WHICH NOW SEEMS IMMINENT, WILL EFFECTIVELY PUT THE BALL IN OUR COURT. GARDNER

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